(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any action against the persons responsible for this act; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) No, Sir. The original records of Mahatma Gandhi available with the organizations of the Ministry of Culture have not been tampered with.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Theft of antiques from ancient temples

652. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that organized and large scale thefts of Indian antiques is taking place in ancient temples and far flung villages of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the countries and museums abroad where these antiques have reportedly resurfaced; and

(d) the action taken to trace and bring back the stolen antiques?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The cases of theft from the centrally protected ancient temples as reported by the Circle Offices of Archaeological Survey of India during the last five years, alongwith the present status of action taken in each case are given in the Statement. (See below)

(c) and (d) No such information is available.

Statement

Theft of antiques from Centrally protected ancient temples in the last five years and present status of action taken

SI. No	Name of the Temples/ Monument	Locality/ District/State	Description/details of the stolen objects	Date of the theft	Status Report			
					Date of FIR lodge	Objects recover-ed/Not recovered	Follow up actions initiated	Present status
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Temple at Akona Narayan	Mahoba, Lucknow, UP.	Stone Sculpture of Gurudwahi Lakshmi locally known as Parvati 90 x 50 four armed Vishnu mounted on personified Garuda with his consort Lakshmi on his left lap. He holds mace and disc in his upper and lower right hands	01/02.02.03	02.02.03	Not recovered	FIR was lodged Police enquiry DG& Central Bureau of Investingati informed	Police is in progress ion
2.	Siva Temple	Lakhamandal Distt. Dehradun Uttaranchal	Sculpture of Mahishashurmardini	24.1.2001		18.1.2005		Enquiry is in progress
3.	Siva Temple	Lakhamandal Distt. Dehradun, Uttaranchal	Eight sculptures	16/17.12.03		Seized by Crime Delhi Police, at		Enquiry is in progress

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
						Pitampura, New Delhi in Feb 04.		
4.	Basuli Devi Temple	Nanoor Distt/ Birbhum,	Image of goddess bisalakshmi and one Narayan Sila	13.3.2001		Not recovered	FIR. lodged Police enquiry	Police enquiry is in progress
5.	Sri Bhavana rayan Swamy Temple	Bapatla, Distt. Guntur, Andhra Pradesh	Lime stone pillar with carvings of a five hooded snake & Stupa motif & inscription	4/5-2/2000		Not recovered		Under investigation
6.	Sri Kapotes wara Swamy Temple	Chejerla Nakarikallu Mandalam Guntur Distt. Andhra Pradesh	Nandi sculpture	11/12.3.2000 3		Not recovered		Under investigation
7.	Jain Temple	Danavulapadu, Jammalamadugu Mandal. Distt. Kadapa Distt. Andhra Pradesh	Bust of Jain figure	8/9.9.2004		Not recovered		Under investigation
8.	Mohajm ata temple	Terahi, Sivpuri, M.P.	Sand stone image of dancing Ganesha with sixteen hands, Another small stone sculpture	15/16.9.2000 1	16.9.2001	Recovered		
9.	Shiv Temple Kakanmath	Suhania, Morena, M.P.	Sculpture of an Apsara	20/21.12.2000 01	16.9.2001 1	Not recovered		Under investigation
10.	Somnath Temple	Badgaon, Katri, MP.	202 Gold Coins	Nov. 01		Recovered		

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
11.	Temple Garhi Surwaya	Surwaya, Shivpuri, MP.	Head of the image of Lakshmi Narayana	24/25.1.2000	25.1.2002	2 Not recovered		Under investigation
12.	Rukmini Math (Amba Bai Temple)	Kundalpur Sagar, MP.	Jain God & Goddess	5/6.2.2002	6.2.2002	Not recovered		Under investigation
13.	Mahadev Temple	Pali Distt. Sagar M. P.	Sculpture of Dikpal namely Ishan-Shiva	11/12/8.2000 02	12.8.2002	Not recovered		Under investigation